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Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

The claims have been amended, as indicated above. The amendments to the indicated claims has been presented in accordance with the proposed revisions to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as set forth in 1267 OG 106 (25 February 2003). No new matter has been introduced through the amending of the claims.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lenz et al. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 presently recites a method for print job time estimating, wherein said method is comprised of the steps of: selecting a document to be printed; selecting a first target printer; viewing a characteristic of the document on the first target printer home page; determining the amount of time required for the first target printer to print the document and, if necessary, selecting another target printer to print the document if the time for the first target printer to print the document is not acceptable ; and printing the document. While Lenz et al. disclose an identification card personalization device with a web browser, this reference does not teach, suggest or even appreciate, among other things, selecting another target printer to print the document if the time required for the first target printer to print the document is not acceptable. In fact, Lenz et al. is silent with respect to this claimed method step. Lenz et al. merely refers to the notion that the identification cards are printed on a printing device without any mention as to the selection of another printing if the first printing device is going to take too long to print the document. It is important to point out that in the web-based system envisioned in the present invention, it becomes reasonable to easily retarget print data to a new printer by simple browsing to that new printer. In fact, the personal imaging repository makes it reasonable to print documents in general on the web (without this technology, printing is cumbersome).

With respect to dependent claims 2-16, due to the fact that these claims are dependent upon independent claim 1, the Applicants contend that these claims are also allowable over the art of record.

With respect to independent claim 17, as discussed above, Lenz et al. does not teach, suggest or even appreciate, among other things, selecting another target printer to print the document if the time required for the first target printer to print the document is not acceptable. In fact, Lenz et al. is silent with respect to this claimed method step. Lenz et al. merely refers to the notion that the identification cards are printed on a printing device without any mention as to the selection of another printing if the first printing device is going to take too long to print the document. Therefore, the Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and now may be passed to issue forth with. A holding to this effect is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney during normal Pacific Time Zone business hours.

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